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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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| Application No. | 09/823,391 |
| Filing Date | March 30, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Monte J. Rhoads |
| Group Art Unit | 2841 |
| Examiner Name | D. Levi |
| Attorney Docket Number | 42390P11044 |

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other: Extra Claim Fees (\$318.00)
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,058.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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02 FC:103 234.00 OP
03 FC:102 84.00 OP



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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1,058.00

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None
☒ Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number

02-2666

Deposit Account Name

Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments
☐ Charge any additional fee(s) required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 and 1.20.
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 101 | 740 | 201 | 370 | Utility filing fee | |
| 106 | 330 | 206 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 510 | 207 | 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 740 | 208 | 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 160 | 214 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$) |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims 58 - 45* = 13 X 18.00 = \$234.00
Independent Claims 6 - 5* = 1 X 84.00 = \$84.00
Multiple Dependent

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|---|-------------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 109 | 84 | 209 | 42 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | | | | (\$) 318.00 |

*or number previously paid, if greater, For Reissues, see below

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,960 | 228 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 740 | 246 | 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 740 | 249 | 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 740 | 279 | 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | 740.00 |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | |
| *Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (3) | | | | | (\$) 740.00 |

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| Signature | | Date | 07/29/02 | | |

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